



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Producers across Colorado received above average precipitation last week, mostly from thunderstorm activity. Temperatures across the State were lower than average for this time of year. These conditions allowed farmers 6.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 3 | 13 | 82 | 2 |
| Last Week | 11 | 29 | 57 | 3 |
| Last Year | 1 | 16 | 71 | 12 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 3 | 15 | 81 | 1 |
| Last Week | 4 | 31 | 64 | 1 |
| Last Year | 4 | 24 | 66 | 6 |

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 79 percent ripe and 41 percent harvested by the end of the week. This remains behind the 5-year average, but the crop continues to be rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 95 percent headed at week's end and 34 percent was turning color with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 88 percent headed with 21 percent turning color by week's end. The crop remained in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Six percent of corn was silked by the end of the week compared with 11 percent for the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sorghum was 7 percent headed compared with 11 percent for the 5-year average. One percent of sorghum had turned color compared to 3 percent on average with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Producers finished planting sunflowers last week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending July 11 2010

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 2 | 5 | 17 | 61 | 15 |
| Last Year | 1 | 6 | 24 | 48 | 21 |
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 2 | 21 | 63 | 14 |
| Last Year | 0 | 0 | 19 | 49 | 32 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 3 | 29 | 57 | 11 |
| Last Year | 0 | 0 | 23 | 38 | 39 |

Summer potatoes were rated in mostly good condition at the end of the week as were fall potatoes. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Nineteen percent of dry beans were flowered by week's end compared with 12 percent for the 5- year average and were rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Pasture and range feed conditions remain mostly good to fair. Farmers continued cutting alfalfa hay last week with 96 percent of the 1st cutting now complete. Second cutting was 23 percent complete compared with 24 percent for the 5-year average. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were slightly below average and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 11 2010

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2010 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 55 | 10 |
| Prev. Year - 2009 | 0 | 5 | 25 | 52 | 18 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 12 | 17 | 30 | 33 | 8 |

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 11 2010

| <u>Item</u> | <u>This Week</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Last Year</u> | <u>5-Yr Avg.</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Ripe | 79 | 45 | 62 | 85 |
| Harvested | 41 | 21 | 23 | 52 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Headed | 95 | 82 | 78 | 89 |
| Turning Color | 34 | 19 | 13 | 29 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Headed | 88 | 74 | 67 | 81 |
| Turning Color | 21 | 12 | 6 | 23 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Silked | 6 | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Headed | 7 | 3 | 12 | 11 |
| Coloring | 1 | N/A | 3 | 3 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Flowered | 19 | 1 | 9 | 12 |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st Cutting | 96 | 93 | 94 | 96 |
| 2 nd Cutting | 23 | 9 | 14 | 24 |

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Very Poor</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Excellent</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Livestock | 0 | 1 | 10 | 78 | 11 |
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 10 | 67 | 22 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 3 | 24 | 71 | 2 |
| Dry Onions | 1 | 1 | 14 | 73 | 11 |
| Dry Beans | 2 | 3 | 43 | 46 | 6 |
| Alfalfa | 0 | 3 | 24 | 60 | 13 |
| Sugarbeets | 0 | 2 | 8 | 79 | 11 |
| Summer Potatoes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 11 |
| Fall Potatoes | 0 | 2 | 27 | 61 | 10 |
| Sunflowers | 1 | 4 | 31 | 61 | 3 |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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